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NEWQUAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

37th. Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Newquay Urban District Council,

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the 37th. Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health on Health and Sanitary condition of Newquay during the year 1925.

Owing to the illness of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Arthur Hardwick, during the last four months, the report has been unavoidably delayed, and as he was not well enough to give any assistance in its compilation, I have adhered strictly to the form of his previous reports.

The Ministry of Health request that the Annual Report of the M.O.H. for 1925 should be a survey report of the last five years, and where possible I have extracted the required information from the Annual Health Reports of the last five years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A.G.P.Hardwick.

Deputy M.O.H.for Newquay.

Newquay.
1st. June 1926.

NEWQUAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

37th. Annual Health Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area .. .. 903¼ acres
Population, (1921 - 4910) 1925 - 5000. .. .. (R.G.5183)
No. of Inhabited houses (1921 - 1302) 1925 - 1462. (1422-1924)
Rateable Value £39,831. (£38,503-1924)
Sum representing 1d. rate :- £163.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Births.	59.	27.	32.	Birth Rate.
Legitimate.)	55.	25.	30.	10. 7 (R.G.11. 4)
Illegitimate.)	4.	2.	2.	
				Death Rate.
Deaths.	54.	31.	23.	9. 8 (R.G.10. 4)

No. of women dying in childbirth from sepsis :- Nil.
No. " " " " " from other causes:-Nil.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Measles.	3.	0.	0.
German Measles.	5.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	27.	0.	0.
Para Typhoid B.	1.	0.	0.
E. Lethargica.	3.	1.	2.
Erysipelas.	2.	0.	0.
Pneumonia.	1.	0.	0.

Tuberculosis.
9 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified in the year; of these one was notified as Miner's Phthisis.
2 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis were registered during the year.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

The general health of the district has been very satisfactory. The death rate for the year (9.8 per 1000) being very low. The chief causes of death were as follows:-

Tuberculosis of Respiratory system.	2.
Cancer Malignant Disease.	7.
Diabetes.	1.
Diseases of the Brain.	5.
Diseases of the Heart and Blood Vessels.	22.
Acute and chronic Nephritis.	1.
Congenital Disease.	2.
Other Causes.	14.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS ETC.

(a) Hospital Arrangements.

No nursing arrangements are provided by the District Council for general purposes, but in the case of Infectious Diseases a Nurse is provided for cases admitted to the Infectious Hospital. The County Council undertakes the nursing arrangements in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare.
A District Nurse is provided by a private District Nursing Association.
(b) There are six midwives practising in the district. These are not employed or subsidized by the Public Authority.

(c) Clinics and Treatment centres.

None exist at present in the District.
The County Council is the supervising authority for Maternity and Child Welfare, and a visiting Nurse is employed in the District.
A Tuberculosis Dispensary is available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary at Truro.
The nearest Venereal Treatment Centres are at Tuckingmill and Plymouth under arrangement by the County Council.

(d) Hospitals provided by the Local Authority.

An Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases is provided by the Local Authority. This is situated at Trevenson St. Columb Minor and has accomodation for 8 patients.

(e) Institutional provision for unmarried mothers & illegitimate children.

None.

Two institutions exist for children, in the District :-
A Branch of the Church of Englands Home for Wafes & Strays.
A Branch of the National Childrens Home.

(f) An ambulance is provided for infectious cases.
During 1924 a Motor Ambulance was provided by public Subscription for the removal of the sick and accident cases.

(g) During the period under review, considerable improvements have been made to the Isolation Hospital, and it is now equipped with a Thrush Steam Disenfector and the necessary buildings have been erected supplying a long felt want, completing the equipment of the Hospital.
To complete the work at the Hospital, there is still required a modern system of drainage, also a constant water supply is needed, laid on from the Company's main to provide against any future drought, and to improve the domestic and sanitary arrangements of the Hospital, and the working of the Desinfector.
During the year 1925 the Isolation Hospital was opened once only, for a period of seven days, for a case of E. Lethargica occuring in a visitor.

LABORATORY WORK, ANALYSES ETC.

20 Specimens were submitted for Bacteriological examination during the year.
10 examinations for Diphtheria Bacilli were made, all of which proved nagative.
8 examinations for Tubercle Bacilli were made, of which one only was positive.
1 Blood examination was made, which was positive to Bacillus from Typhosus B.
A specimen of fat taken from a carcase was also submitted for Bacteriological examination.
Samples of town water were also submitted for chemical and bacteriological analyses.

THE FOLLOWING ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYELAWS ARE IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT :-

1. Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890.
2. Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890.

Byelaws.

1. New Streets and Buildings.
2. Nuisances.
3. Slaughter Houses.
4. Cleansing of Footways and Premises.
5. Sanitary Convehiences.
6. Tents, Vans and Sheds.
7. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.
8. Public Pleasure Grounds.
9. Bands, Seashores and Promenades.
10. Cemetaries.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Water Supply.

The town water supply has been sufficient throughout the year and analyses of samples were satisfactory.
A special report on the Newquay Water Supplies was rendered in January 1925. This dealt with the proposed additional source of supply from Rialton river, and included bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Slaughter Houses.

The number of Licensed Slaughter Houses is four.
The slaughter houses are regularly inspected, and are conducted in a satisfactory manner.
The Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 were brought into force on April 1st. and have proved of great assistance in the supervision and inspection of food animals.
Up to December 31st. the total number of visits to premises for inspection of carcases and organs for human consumption..425.
Total number of carcases with organs examined. 1366.
Diseased meat and organs condemned and destroyed, being unfit for human consumption. Approximate weight.1,797lbs.

A detailed report of the working of the new Meat Regulations will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report.

No action has been required to be taken under Section 117. Public Health Act.

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Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

The dairies and milkshops are regularly inspected and have been found in good sanitary condition.
There are 6 registered milkshops in the district and the total number of Producers and Retail Purveyors of Milk on the Register is 39.

Disinfections etc.

The Steam Desinfector has been in regular use throughout the year.

No of rooms desinfected (Formalin) - - -	23.
No of vehicles " - - - -	1.
No of articles of bedding disinfected by steam -	236.
No " " " " destroyed by burning -	4.

The wards of the Isolation Hospital were disinfected once.

Factory and Workshops Acts.

There are 33 factories and 47 workshops in the district, of the factories 10 are knitting factories employing a large number of hands mainly girls.
Regular visits of inspection have been made, including 60 visits by the Sanitary Inspector. No proceedings under the Act were found necessary, minor defects being remedied at once. One workshop was provided with proper drains and sanitary water closets without recourse to statutory proceedings.

Port Sanitary Regulations.

No action has had to be taken during the past year, no vessels or passengers entering the harbour, other than fishing boats.
No action has been taken or required as regards rat destruction.

The sanitary condition of the district has been good throughout the year.
Regular inspections are carried out, and a summary of the Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report is here appended.

Sanitary Inspector's Report (Summary) 1925.

No of Houses and premises inspected (Inspection Regulations)	3021.
" " Nuisances abated	51.
" " Notices served to abate (preliminary)	20.
" " " " " (statutory)	1.
" " verbal notices served to abate nuisances	31.
" " complaints received and dealt with	50.
" " accumulation removed	13.
" " sections of new drains inspected	125.
" " drains cleansed and repaired	20.
" " sections of new drains (House) and sanitary appliances tested, remedied and passed	75.
" " additional new drains tested and passed	13.
" " sections of new main drains inspected, tested, & passed	9.
" " " " " drains and connections to sewers inspected	28.
" " Sanitary Certificates issued in respect of:- 1. Existing house drains) 2. New house drains.)	7.
" " Rooms disinfected (Formail gas)	23.
" " articles of bedding steam disinfected	236.
" " " destroyed by burning	4.

Inspector's Report continued.

No of vehicles disinfected.....1
Isolation Hospital wards disinfected.....1
" " samples of Town water sent for analyses.....1
" " Poison baits laid at Refuse Dump.....1450
" " Special visits to town premsises (Rat Destruction).....24

House Refuse Removal.

No of tons of refuse deposited at tip:- approximately 2,400 tons.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health :- A.Hardwick, M.D. D.P.H.
Appointed 1889.

Sanitary Inspector (Whole time) J.H.Chapple M.S.I.A.
Assoc. R.San.I.
Appointed 1919.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

No of new houses built during last 5 years:- 211.

1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
15.	17.	42.	60.	77.

Number built as part of Municipal Housing scheme:- 12.
No of new houses in course of erection :- 15.

HOUSING.

No of new houses erected during the year.....77
" " " " " as part of Municipal Housing scheme....0
" " " " in course of erection.....15
" " dwelling houses found dangerous or injurious to health.....0
" " " " found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation.....8
" " informal notices served to remedy defects.....12
" " dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied :-
1. By owners after informal notice.....12
2. By Local Authority.....0
Proceedings under Section 28 Housing and Town Planning Act).....0
Sections 11,14,and 15 Housing Act 1925.)

(Signed) A.G.P.Hardwick, M.R.C.S.
L.R.C.P.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

Newquay.
June 1st. 1926.